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1. A few days ago Major General Nosenko, head of the Soviet Military Mission in Tirana and personal adviser to General Enver Hoxha, was summoned to Moscow and replaced by Guards Colonel Lavrenti V. Lebedev, also a member of the Soviet Military Mission. Colonel Lebedev has since been replaced by Engineer (Railway Troops) Lieutenant Colonel Valeri I. Gaidarov.

2. [redacted] Nosenko will soon be returning to Tirana, but not to his former post. 50X1-HUM

3. Lieutenant Colonel Gaidarov is the head of the "Communications Office" of the Soviet Military Mission. A few days ago he was awarded the Order of Urdhërin e Punës I Class.

4. In Gaidarov's office, besides the Soviet personnel under Captain of Railway Troops Anatoli A. Pavlovich, there are the undermentioned Albanians:

Apostoli, Kalam	Deso, Belo
Mesi, Khabir	Keilici, Zija (Engineer)
Gallaj, Sulejman,	Verli, Dhimiter
(Engineer)	

5. Gaidarov, who planned the Durrës-Tirana railway, which was opened in February 1949 under the designation: Hekurudha Rinise Durrës-Tirana, has received orders to reorganize the Albanian roads.

6. [redacted] Lidia Ivanovna Sokolova, wife of the Soviet Military Attache at Tirana, is the undercover director of the Union of Anti-Fascist Albanian Women. 50X1-HUM

7. Another interesting Soviet official at Tirana is Andrei Ivanovich Kritchko, who is the delegate of the Foreign Secretariat of the Politbureau of the CPSU, and is known as Regjizeri Sovjetik. He lives at Shtëpi in a villa adjoining that of Major General Bedri Spahiu, and his telephone number is Shtëpi 23-73. In reality Kritchko controls the entire activity of the P.P.SH. (Albanian Communist Party), as well as all the financial operations of the government at Tirana.

[redacted] He maintains close relations with the chief Albanian leaders. 50X1-HUM

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8. The Soviet command has ordered Colonel Lebedev to speed up the organization and training of the Albanian Army, and particularly that of partisan commandos and units.

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